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NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

TODAY'S DATE: **May 31, 2005**

MEETING TIME: **Thursday, June 23, 2005**
8:30 a.m.

PLACE: **USDA Office**
8775 Technology Way
Conference Room
Reno, Nevada 89521

Don Henderson, Director

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending:

Call to Order by Chairman Benny Romero

1. **Board Business**
 - A. *Approval of Minutes (Foley) (**ACTION**)
 - B. *Goals and Objectives (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. *Power point presentation by Neil Rombardo, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Nevada's Open Meeting Law. (**INFORMATION**)
 - D. Presentation by Wanda Cox, Planning, Policy and Research Division, Department of Information Technology, navigating the Department's webpage. (**INFORMATION**)

- E. Photo session for all Board members with Wanda Cox, DOIT.
- F. Employee of the Year Award (**ACTION**)
- 2. **Director's Report** (Henderson)
 - A. Overview of Department activities (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. *Update on results from the 2005 Legislative Session (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Update on Department's Natural Resource Program (McCuin)
 - 1. Program update (**INFORMATION**)
 - 2. *Review and consideration of adoption of new board policies on resource stewardship and suspended grazing use. (**ACTION**)
- 3. **Division of Administration** (Gimlin)
 - A. Introduction of new accounting staff members; Wes Bills, Management Analyst I and Linda Mowatt, Accounting Assistant I. (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Fiscal recap, 2005-2007 budget. (**INFORMATION**)
- 4. **Division of Measurement Standards** (Grabski)
 - A. Legislative update: (**INFORMATION**)
 - 1. SB 295 – adds fuels to existing list of fuels already regulated/allow authority for civil penalties and fines to gain compliance.
 - 2. SB 165 - specifies permissible uses by Dept. of Agriculture of certain fees and money.
 - 3. Budget and enhancements
 - B. Progress on the workshop for NRS 590.065 (38th parallel). (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Petroleum lab construction and open house. (**INFORMATION**)
- 5. **Division of Livestock Identification** (Connelley) (**INFORMATION**)
 - A. Activities report (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. 2005 Head Tax status report (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Legislative update: (**INFORMATION**)
 - 1. AB 181 - cash buyers licensing
 - 2. AB 407 – government impounds of livestock
 - D. Beef check-off collections (**INFORMATION**)

E. Elko building and move (**INFORMATION**)

6. **Division of Plant Industry** (O'Brien)

A. Introduction of Ed Foster, Northern Nevada Regional Manager (**INFORMATION**)

B. Mormon Cricket update (Knight) (**INFORMATION**)

C. *Las Vegas Report (Smigel) (**INFORMATION**)

D. *EPA 2nd quarter report (Moses) (**INFORMATION**)

E. * Request to go to Workshop and Hearing in order to amend NAC 586 and NAC 588 to increase fees for the registration of pesticide and fertilizer products in Nevada. (Mason) (**ACTION**)

F. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to make temporary regulations T-009-05 (tiered noxious weed list) and T-014-04, (adds Rumex crispus to the Paradise Valley Weed District list) permanent. (Rafferty) (**ACTION**)

G. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to make temporary regulation T-019-04 permanent, Producer's Certification, with possible amendments during workshop and hearing. (McKie) (**ACTION**)

H. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to make temporary regulation T-003-04 permanent. This is NAC 587.220, fees for analysis and testing of seed. (Cross) (**ACTION**)

7. **Division of Animal Industry** (Thain) (**INFORMATION**)

A. Animal Disease Update (**INFORMATION**)

1. Bovine Tuberculosis
2. West Nile Virus
3. BSE-Canadian import rule and National BSE surveillance
4. Johnes
5. Trichomonosis

B. Nevada Premise Registration for Animal ID (Thain) (**INFORMATION**)

C. Animal Disease and Food Safety Laboratory (Rink) (**INFORMATION**)

D. Introduction of Sharon Gard, newly hired microbiologist. (Rink) (**INFORMATION**)

E. Range Magazine article on Bighorn sheep (Dr. Thain) (**INFORMATION**)

- F. *Board discussion regarding Virginia Range Estray Horse Program (Dr. Thain) (**ACTION**)
8. Divison of Resource Protection (Jensen)
A. Plant Protection Quarantine (**INFORMATION**)
9. Public Comments (**INFORMATION**)
10. Travel Claims and Salary (**INFORMATION**)
11. Date of Next Meeting (**ACTION**)
12. Adjournment (**ACTION**)

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 688-1180 x 230 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(* denotes supporting documents in the board packet)

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. Please note what action is needed by the Board on these items. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. **Chairman Benny Romero has requested very brief reports.** Make sure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the “Board” to look at.

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